1 <u>ABSTRACT</u>

A writing instrument, which has an inner and outer writing element with separate
writing medium reservoirs. The writing elements are coaxially mounted in an outer barrel
and axially moveable with respect to one another. A driving mechanism may be actuated
to allow a user to selectively extend one writing element. The inner and outer writing
elements may have an inner sleeve therebetween to improve, for instance, rigidity of the
outer writing element and to prevent contamination of the writing medium reservoirs. An
outer sleeve may also be provided over the outer writing element. The outer sleeve can
function to hold various components of the outer writing element together, and to allow for
clean and easy refill of the outer writing element, especially when the outer writing element
is a nib-type writing element with a filler-type reservoir. The writing instrument is designed
so that a user can replace the inner and/or outer writing elements when their respective
writing medium have been expended.